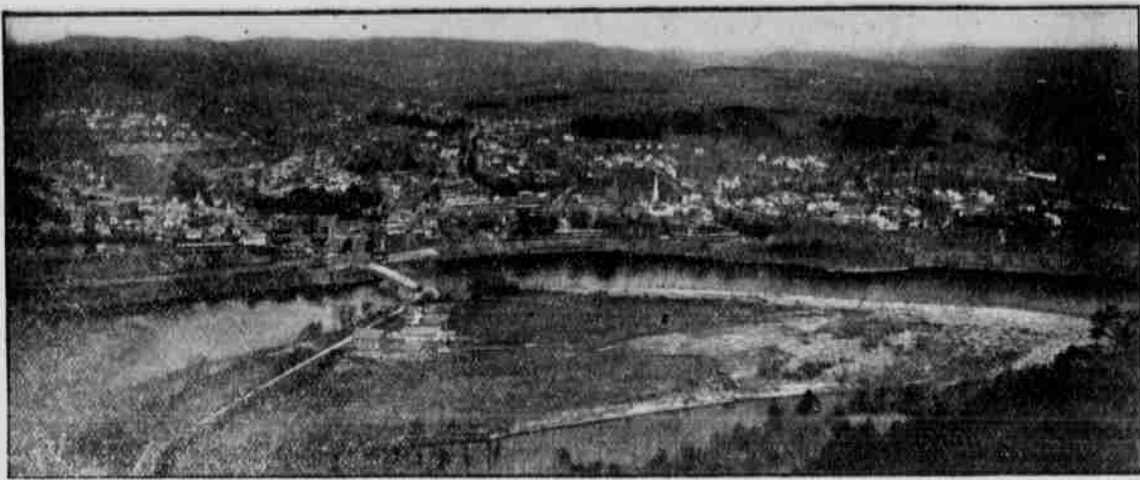


BRATTLEBORO



BRATTLEBORO FROM WANTASTIQUET MOUNTAIN.

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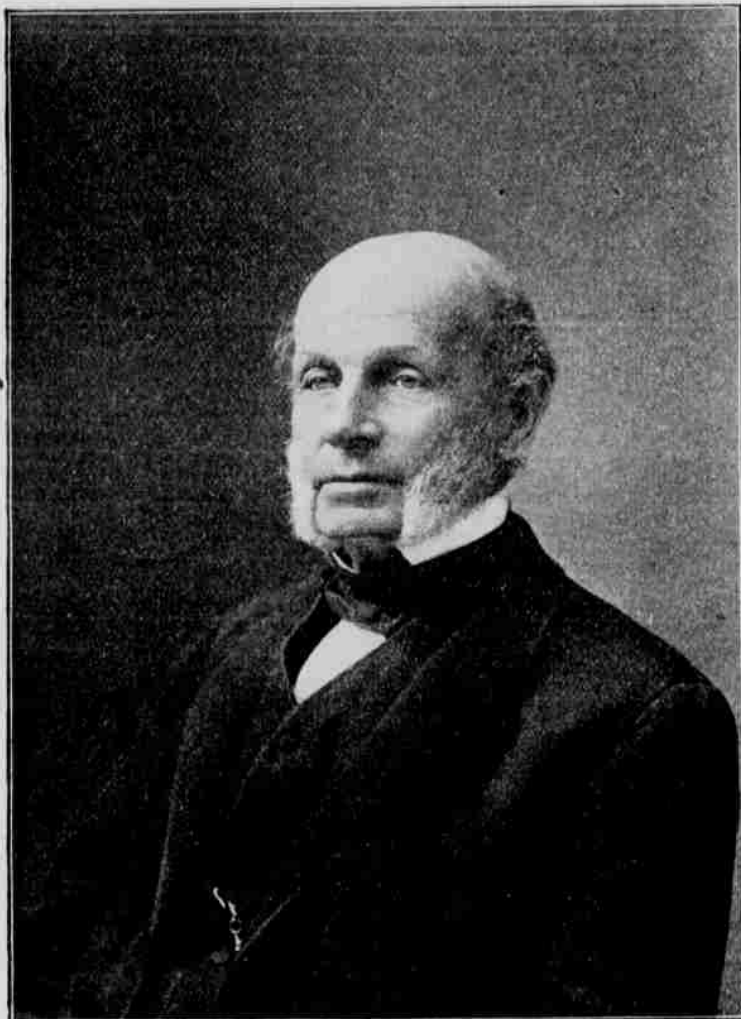
The eastern boundary of Vermont is the Connecticut river and was it navigable, it would readily be ascertained the distinction of being the most beautiful river in the land. Its green and fertile valleys, the precipitous mountain peaks and the ever changing landscape views are only half seen by a railway trip. Nine miles north from the Massachusetts line on the Boston & Maine railroad is the enterprising town of Brattleboro. In coming into the state from the east, here one gets his first impression of the natural beauties and com-

rama of life in Vermont, typical of its beauty and industry. In August, come back. We have hundreds of scenes like this to show you and we know that our green hills are the garden spots of the continent.

VERMONT SAVINGS BANK.

Hon. Frederick Holbrook, president, William Newton vice president, N. F. Cabot, treasurer, C. H. Pratt, assistant treasurer. This old reliable institution for savings was originally chartered under the state law in 1816. Its manage-

ment and direction have been such that it has weathered all the financial storms and passed safely through the periods of business depression and is today one of the most solid banks in the state. It has deposits aggregating \$3,180,328.43 which with reserve fund, surplus and interest bring the liabilities up to nearly three and a half million dollars. It is a purely mutual bank and has 7500 depositors paying interest at the rate of three and a half per cent. The building occu-



EX-GOV. HON. FREDERICK HOLBROOK.

mercial advantages of famous old Vermont. When the thrift and prosperity that is apparent on every hand unfolds itself to the sojourner he readily understands why absent Vermonters can't forget the old home and why they find nothing elsewhere that equals the green hills of their native state. It is little wonder that so famous a traveler as Rudyard Kipling sought the vicinity of Brattleboro to build him a home. It is not strange at all that the town has furnished some of the most brilliant minds of the present age, but Richard Hunt will never design nor Larkin G. Mead ever carve anything half so inspiring, as grand old Wantastiquet which raises its majestic peak 150 feet above the river and seems to invite one to make the ascent of its precipitous sides. From its summit in Junetime the view obtained is one never to be forgotten. Here is unfolded all the wealth and beauty of Vermont; far away on the hillside the grazing herds tell the tale of the thrifty husbandman, the white specks in the distance are happy homes of those who bring from the soil the necessities for subsistence; these are they, who make "two blades of grass grow where only one grew before" and but for them we would have a sorry time trying to live. Bringing the range of vision nearer to the base of the mountain and on the outskirts of the village, one sees the cozy cottage of the artisan set away among lofty elms, telling the tale of happiness and contentment. Then appears the elegant homes of the entrepre- neur and successful merchant, the capitalist who has come back to spend his days far from the "maddening crowd." Those long rows of brick buildings contain elegant stores where necessities and luxuries may be had. The noted caravansary appears, the summer home of those who know and appreciate Vermonters hospitality. The glittering spires of a dozen houses of worship are interspersed among the foliage indicating by their beauty the high aims to which they are dedicated. Far away to the left like a silver thread comes Whetstone river tumbling down over the mountains to reach the Connecticut but many times is it caught, and claimed, then loosed again, to furnish power for wheels along its valley. The scene is a grand pano-

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BROOKS HOUSE.

BRATTLEBORO RETREAT.

Hospitable Home for Nervous and Mental Invalids. If search had been made throughout the entire Green Mountain state, no more beautiful nor desirable spot could have been found for the location of this famous home for invalids. Nature and artifice have provided ideal surroundings and here may be found absolute quiet and rest. The beautiful lawns, magnificent and stately shade trees with myriads of flowering plants and shrubs, with secluded driveways and every advantageous feature known to the landscape architect's art, the Brattleboro Retreat grounds are indeed a bit of scenery which is justly the pride of the state. Since 1880, when the first purchase was made under the provision of the will of Mrs. Anna Marsh up to the present time, there has been a constant effort to add every improvement to the surroundings and make the retreat attractive and home-like. In the estate of eight hundred and fifty acres there is combined hill and valley, forest and meadow, running brooks, shaded walks and well built private roadways. The main building is substantially constructed of brick and faces the south, having a frontage of upwards of five hundred feet. Besides this are several auxiliary buildings and a mile away are cottages for convalescents. To give any sort of a comprehensive idea of the arrangement of the buildings would require more space than we have at command. The care and pains exhibited on the surroundings are reflected upon the interior and no effort has been spared to provide every convenience and comfort. A system of forced ventilation supplies pure air to all parts of the house and each ward is flooded with sunlight. In the care of patients every appearance of restraint has been studiously avoided, particular pains having been taken to insure homelike surroundings. The Retreat



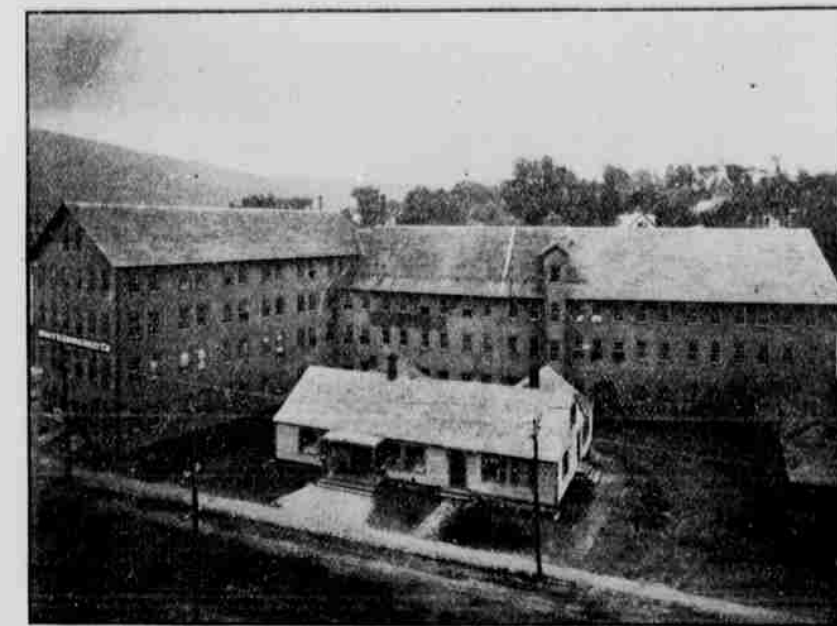
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is more than a hospital for the insane and is open to patients from other states. Its inmates may have their own private nurses, private carriages, and private physicians if they so desire. It accepts those addicted to opium, chloral and cocaine habits and inebriates. In the cottage known as Linden Lodge every appearance of a hospital has been avoided and here are treated the mildest cases of mental disorder and nervous exhaustion. Dr. Henry M. Hurd, the noted alienist,

who recently visited here pronounced the Retreat not only unique but ideal in its inception and development. The following is the Board of Officers: Board of Visitors—Hon. Russell S. Taft, Hon. John W. Rowell, Hon. James M. Tyler, Hon. Loveland Munson, Hon. Henry R. Start, Hon. John H. Watson, Hon. Wendell P. Stafford. Board of Trustees—Hon. Frederick Holbrook, Wm. H. Rockwell, M. D., Hon. James M. Tyler, Richards Bradley, Esq., Resident Officers, S. E. Lawton, superintendent and physician; W. N. Thompson, M. D., first assistant physician; D. H. Calder, second assistant physician; Miss H. E. Blanche Gibson, matron.

BRATTLEBORO JELLY CO.

Manufacturers of the Celebrated A. L. Blair brand of Uncolored Pickles, Horse Radish, Table Mustard, Vermont Apple and Cider Jellies, Cider Vinegar and Holl-



BRATTLEBORO JELLY CO'S WORKS.

ed Cider, Maple Sugar and Syrup. This company was originally established in 1880 and incorporated under its present name in 1886. They have through superior management brought the business to its present high degree under the supervision of Mr. A. L. Blair. Their products are not surpassed by any in the world and their table condiments are generally acknowledged as the finest, piquant, relishes. Their entire line of high grade table goods are not anywhere surpassed in character and general desirability. Their business is conducted on a very extensive scale and goods are regularly shipped in car lots direct to the principal distributing points. They have

modern construction and within the past year it has been entirely remodeled, refurnished and painted and papered throughout, making it neat, attractive and inviting. There are seventy-five rooms in the hotel and the dining room will seat 100 persons so that they can comfortably care for 100 guests. It has steam heat, electric lights and is a strictly first-class \$2.00 per day commercial hotel. Special attention is given the cuisine, the proprietor securing the best the market affords and aiming to set the best table to be found in the town. It is the favorite resort for sportsmen who come here during the hunting and fishing season as the proprietor is an enthusiast. He

BRATTLEBORO HOUSE.

Bridge street near Depot, T. Frank Turner, Manager. This popular hostelry occupies the oldest hotel site in Brattleboro and is a favorite stopping place with visitors to this part of the state. Its proximity to the depot and central business section makes it convenient for commercial men and all others having labor and every garment bears the union label.



BRATTLEBORO HOUSE.

It is perfectly familiar with all the surrounding country and takes pleasure in giving his guests the benefit of his experience. Mr. Turner is a native of Brattleboro and commenced his hotel life as clerk in the American House here. He afterward managed the American House at Springfield, and also conducted the Hazardville House at Hazardville, Conn., and the New England Hotel at Bernardston, Mass. He came back to his native town five years ago and took this hotel. Since he has assumed charge he has made various improvements and has brought it to a leading place among Vermont's hostels. Mr. Turner is a genial and popular boniface and has a wide acquaintance among traveling men.



BRATTLEBORO OVERALL COMPANY.

Henry Heywood proprietor. About a mile from the town hall in that section of Brattleboro known as Centreville is the factory occupied by the Brattleboro Overall Company. It is a well built factory, four stories in height and this company occupies the two street floors and attic. The basement is used by the electric railroad for a power plant and from where power is had for operating the machinery. They make all grades of coats, jackets, aprons and overalls from denim and duck in black and staple colors and have a traveling representative who visits the trade in New York and New England selling direct to retailers. They turn out about 1500 dozen garments a month and give employment to from thirty-five to sixty hands. The business was originally established as a corporation in 1880 and conducted as such until the spring of 1890 when the present proprietor assumed charge.

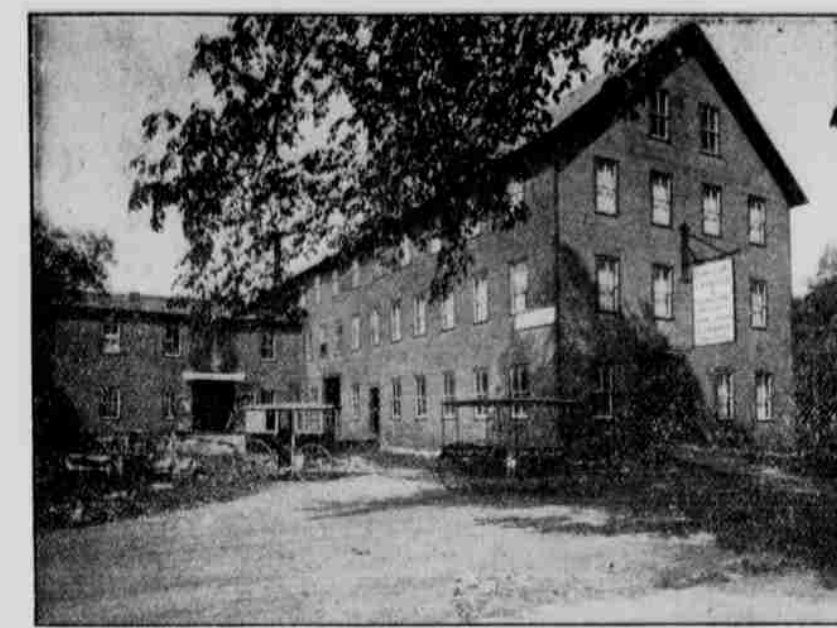
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It will turn in the same space as an ordinary wagon and yet allow nearly all the space between the axles. He has sheds in stock for grocers, bakers, milkmen and butchers, and he builds to order anything that may be desired in a traveling or business wagon. His customers are to be found all over the eastern and central states and many of his jobs can be seen in Vermont. During Old Home



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Mr. Heywood is a lawyer and formerly practiced at Guilford the shire town of Essex county, but for thirty years previous to coming here he practiced at Lancaster, N. H. He now gives his entire time and attention to this business and under his personal management it is assuming quite extensive proportions. He is ably assisted by Edwin W. Harlow,



F. D. WILLIAMS WAGON WORKS.

the superintendent who has had many years of experience in this line. This is one of those flourishing little industries that give employment to the class of help that need it most and are of incalculable advantage to any community. The site is in a cool and shaded spot on the bank of Whetstone creek and admirably situated for the conduct of the business. They employ only organized labor and every garment bears the union label.

F. D. WILLIAMS.

Manufacturer of all styles of Business, Gypsy, and Traveling Wagons, No. 4 Williams street. This business which has grown into such remarkable proportions

ing department, where artistic taste and skill are exhibited and he now has on the floor a few covered wagons which with ornamental trimmings and landscape paintings will be about as handsome a job as can be produced.

MELROSE HOUSE.

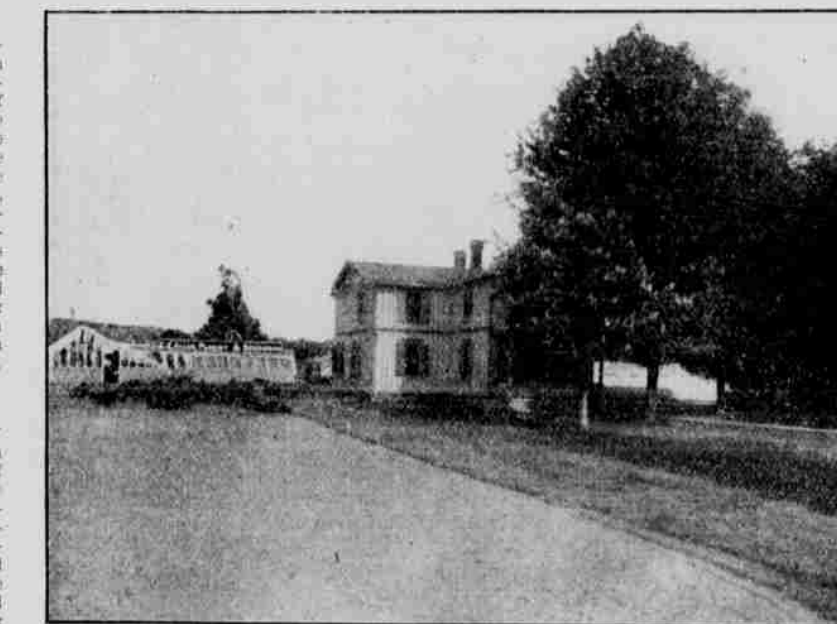
West Brattleboro, Sargent & Jones, Proprietors. No more delightful and attractive spot for a summer hotel can be imagined than the site selected by Messrs. Sargent & Jones for the erection of the "Melrose." It is about two miles from the station, on the terminus of the electric car line and faces the prettiest grove and park to be found anywhere in this section of the state. We have moved in numerous other places the picturesque at-



"THE MELROSE," WEST BRATTLEBORO.

was founded by the present proprietor in 1885. Ten years ago the large building now occupied was erected and equipped with steam power and all modern wood working machinery required for the manufacture of high-grade business wagons for which Mr. Williams has become famous. The building, a cut of which appears herewith, is a substantial frame structure 38100 feet in dimensions with an L 30x40. Here all parts of the wagons are made, wood, iron and leather, painting and lettering. When a job goes from this repository it goes with the guarantee that none better are produced. Last year Mr. Williams patented a "flow down wagon" which is the most practical and convenient of any now on the market, the gearing being so adjusted that

tractions of this section and the "Melrose" is most advantageously located for enjoying the scenery and drives, but the most important attraction is the hotel itself. It is a new four-story building built last year, and is modern in all its appointments. It has forty rooms, electric lights, bath, billiard room, steam heat, and is supplied with pure spring water. The furnishings are in accord with the most cultivated taste and in the construction of the building great care was exercised to obtain plenty of air and sunlight. The dining room is handsomely furnished and will seat fifty guests. The proprietors built and own the hotel and show every courtesy and kindness to patrons. Mr. Sargent is an old resident of Brattleboro as well as Mr.



C. E. ALLEN'S GREENHOUSE AND SEED WAREHOUSE.

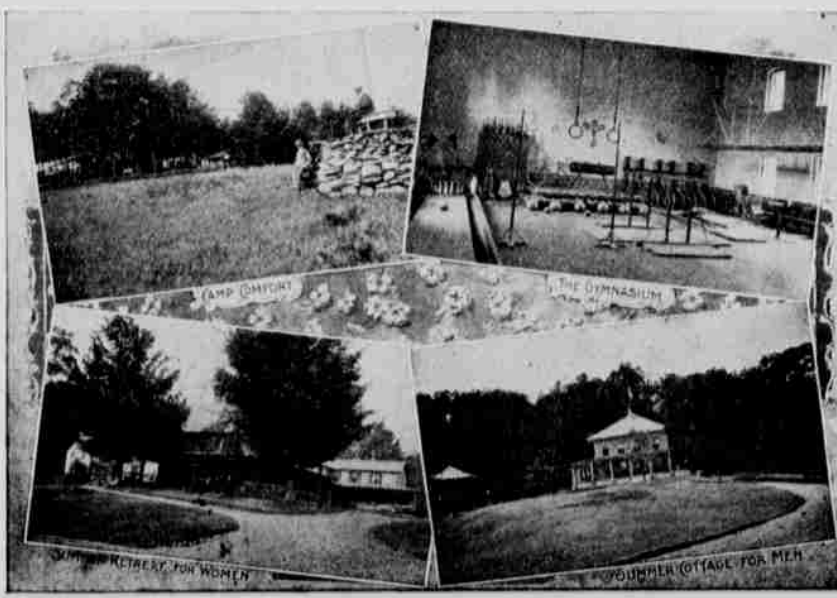
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Jones who is the superintendent of the electric railroad. They reserve at all times rooms for transients and make popular rates.

C. E. ALLEN.

Seedsman and Florist. Office and Greenhouses 96 Canal street. The Allen greenhouses are among the best and are unquestionably the largest of any in the state of Vermont. Mr. Allen commenced business in 1868 at the age of seven and built his first greenhouse shortly thereafter, from its inception it proved a success and each year new departures have been made which have necessitated additional room until he has thirteen houses with an area of about 20,000 square feet of glass. He does not confine himself to any one feature of the business but his houses contain nearly every species of known to floriculture, giving however special attention to the new varieties of popular flowers such as chrysanthemums, carnations, lilies and violets. He has a large local demand and ships by express to all the surrounding towns his surplus of cut flowers, going to the New York and Boston markets. He also has all the different varieties of foliage and flowering plants for bedding central states and many of his jobs can be seen in Vermont. During Old Home

week call on him and he will cheerfully show you through his factory. Mr. Williams is a native of Brattleboro and has always followed the trade of wheelwright. He came here fifteen years ago and by industry and enterprise has built up a flourishing business so that he ordinarily employs a dozen men. A notable feature of his factory is the paint-



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DAN PEASLEE WEBSTER.

Brattleboro has for its postmaster a distinguished son of the Green Mountain State, and one who has filled many honored positions in the commonwealth. He was born at Northfield, Dec. 7, 1846, and received his preliminary education in the common schools there, afterward attending the Newbury Academy. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1867, and practiced at Putney for sixteen years. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1872-4 and senator from Windham county in 1878, railroad commissioner up to 1886. He was surgeon-general on the staff of Governor Asahel Peck, and also of Governor Levi K. Fuller, and was surgeon of the Fuller Light Battery. He accompanied his father who was chaplain of the 10th Vermont regiment and was present at the battle of Gettysburg. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, of the Connecticut River and Vermont State Medical Association. Dr. Webster was appointed postmaster by President McKinley and is now serving his fourth year. The postoffice is now in the second class having receipts of \$21,000 and salary of \$2,000.